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WHEREAS, each year during the Thanksgiving and December holidays, the Citizens of Alexandria and visitors to the City derive great pleasure from the beauty of the festive decorations and particularly the trees at Market Square, King Street Gardens Park and the foot of King Street; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to the concept of public and private cooperation for the good of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has a tradition of displaying holiday trees generously donated by citizens and friends of Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the trees are ceremoniously lit on the Friday after Thanksgiving to signify the beginning of the holiday season in Alexandria; and

WHEREAS, the holiday season is very important to the City because of the goodwill it generates among citizens and visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby express deep appreciation to Mr. Kamal Fayad of Springfield, Virginia for his donation of the Leyland Cypress tree at Market Square.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2006.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council

of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST: